

REMARKS

Claim 1 calls for tiles that include alignment tabs and tiles that include alignment grooves. No such structure is provided in the cited reference. Instead, the tiles are tab free. They do not use tabs because they have grooves that receive and mount on the track 14. Therefore, a tab groove relationship between the tiles is not provided. In the additional remarks, the Examiner, again, contends that the items 222 are the missing tabs. But the items 222 are part of the track 14, as plainly indicated in Figure 11. They are plainly not part of the tiles. The claim is explicit that the tab needs to be part of the tiles and this is not the case in the cited reference. Similarly, the office action now points to the item 14 in Figure 9, but, again, item 14 is a track on which the tiles mount in grooves. But the tiles themselves have no tabs.

The Examiner points out that the structure shown in Figure 30 includes the mounting plate 40. The mounting plate 40 is secured to the track 412, 414. The tiles mount on the track 412, 414. The tiles are connectable to the plate according to claim 1. Thus, the plate basically includes the structure 440 and the tracks 412, 414. The tiles, therefore, do not include any alignment tabs.

Of course, one problem with the tracks 412, 414 in the various embodiments is that there is no way to adjust and align the tabs with respect to one another. If the tabs need relative adjustment, there is no way to do it because they all simply ride on the track. Moreover, even if the tiles were spaced horizontally along the track, they cannot be adjusted with respect to one another vertically.

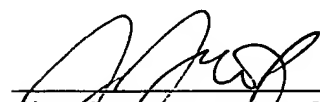
Concerning claim 26, the fact that the tiles have a distance D1 or a distance D2 between them does not conceal the surface profile features because there are no surface profile features.

Claim 31 calls for mullions to fit over the gaps between the tiles. Whether or not the display modules have a distance D2, which is the same as the distance D1, they are missing the structure called for in the claim, namely, the mullions that fit over the gaps. The mullions are shown, for example, in Figure 8 of the present invention.

Therefore, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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